



# Shelby County Board of Commissioners

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**MIKE CARPENTER**

*Commissioner*

*District 1, Position 3*

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RE: Education Funding Proposal

Dear Ad Hoc Committee Members:

With the planned timeframe for the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on Education Funding drawing to a close, I believe it is critical that we come to agreement on a plan to adequately and equitably fund our schools. Obviously, it is important to the stability of our schools systems, but it also important that our local governmental bodies demonstrate to our constituents an ability to collaborate and cooperate for the best interests of our community. To those ends, I respectfully submit the attached proposal for your consideration.

In our weeks of meetings I have listened closely and also reviewed the minutes of those meetings in an effort to find points of agreement. This plan takes elements from the Single Source District proposal, the Ritz proposal and the Fund Shelby Schools process. I am sure there will be points of disagreement, but would encourage amending this proposal to address those concerns, rather than simply opposing the entire proposal. I believe there is more in this proposal that is agreeable than disagreeable.

I look forward to discussing this proposal in our upcoming meetings and appreciate your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Carpenter", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Mike Carpenter